

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-6 are cancelled.

7. (New) An atmospheric electric acupuncture device comprising a negative ion generator, electrical cables to maintain the potential of an object to be treated, a back feed unit to control the exposure and dose to the objects being treated and an insulating cover.

8. (New) A device according to claim 7, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to monitor a number of discharged ions per unit of a time measure.

9. (New) A device according to claim 7, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to monitor a total charge delivered to the object.

10. (New) A device according to claim 7, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to monitor a time measure for an exposure of ions.

11. (New) A device according to claim 7, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to keep the object at a specific potential.

12. (New) A method of treating a patient using atmospheric electric acupuncture, comprising the steps of:

- electrically isolating the patient from ground,
- connecting the patient electrically to a ion generator via a feed-back unit, and
- spraying an area of the patient with ions.

13. (New) A method according to claim 12, wherein the patient is positioned in a vertical or horizontal position on an insulating cover.

14. (New) A device according to claim 8, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to monitor a total charge delivered to the object.

15. (New) A device according to claim 8, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to monitor a time measure for an exposure of ions.

16. (New) A device according to claim 9, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to monitor a time measure for an exposure of ions.

17. (New) A device according to claim 8, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to keep the object at a specific potential.

18. (New) A device according to claim 9, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to keep the object at a specific potential.

19. (New) A device according to claim 10, wherein the feedback unit is adapted to keep the object at a specific potential.